

About Fiscal Sponsorship with Superbloom

Introduction

Superbloom’s fiscal sponsorship program is an ecosystem of projects, united by shared values, shared infrastructure, and collective impact.

Superbloom acts as a connective layer to this ecosystem, supporting collaboration, strengthening resilience, and helping public-interest technology initiatives scale in a complex, rapidly shifting digital landscape to bring about real change.

Our fiscal sponsorship goes beyond the administrative function to build and sustain a broader ecosystem of practitioners working at the intersection of digital rights, responsible technology, and public-interest design.

We partner with independent initiatives to help them grow, operate, and have impact without the friction of setting up standalone organizations. Through shared infrastructure, governance, and strategic support, projects can access funding, receive tax-exempt contributions, and focus on the work itself while remaining aligned within a collective framework of shared values.

Since 2014, Superbloom has operated as a distributed, international team embedded in the communities we support. We work across a range of funding environments, including the US government, European Commission, philanthropic grants, and individual donors, and offer flexible structures that enable projects to operate across jurisdictions.

Services provided

Superbloom Design’s fiscal sponsorship program focuses on mentorship and strategy support, as well as acting as the administrative host. We work with [a community of over 30 coaches](#), who are deeply experienced practitioners and subject matter experts working in public interest technology. Our experienced coaching team covers all global time zones and speaks 10 languages. Our coaches are experts on strategy, project management, fundraising and grant writing, design, user research, open processes, privacy and security, and many other subject matter areas. We offer 1:1

customized coaching and mentoring packages for organizations and/or funders with grantees, fiscally sponsored projects, and investees.

As the fiscal host, Superbloom also handles all operations and administration, such as the following. You will find more information about each later in this document:

<p>Program Management & Strategy Services, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership coaching ● Fundraising strategy support and proposal review ● Program and project management coaching ● Network development support
<p>Financial & Operations Management Services, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accounts Payable including grant, honoraria and contractor payments ● Accounts Receivable ● Expense management systems, e.g. credit cards and reimbursements ● Grants and contracts management ● Donations management and systems ● Support for financial reporting ● Liability and other insurance ● Financial and reporting compliance, including an annual audit and support for funder audits ● Access and use of our technical infrastructure and systems, and ● Other technical assistance where needed
<p>People Operations & HR Services, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employment ● Payroll ● Benefits administration including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health/Dental/Vision Insurance ○ FSA/HSA ○ 401(k) ○ Office Stipend ○ Paid Time Off ○ Other ancillary benefits

Administrative Charge

In exchange for Superbloom’s Fiscal Host services, an administrative charge of 10% is applied against the FSP’s restricted fund on the first \$500,000.00 of income per fiscal year. For government grants, the administrative charge is 15% on the first \$500,000.00 of income due to additional administrative and reporting requirements. The administrative charge reduces to 7% on all income

above \$500,00.00 in a fiscal year. If a project has specific needs beyond the standard services, these costs should be planned in project budgets and will be billed directly to the project.

Fiscal sponsorship models

Superbloom provides the following fiscal sponsorship models:

Model A comprehensive

The sponsor has complete control over the project:

- Project leaders and staff become employees of Superbloom.
- Tax-exempt donations are made payable to Superbloom, which then administers them.
- Superbloom bears full legal liability for the actions of the project.
- Without a written agreement that says otherwise, the intellectual property created by the project becomes property of Superbloom.
- Superbloom charges a fee, as a percentage of the project's total annual revenue, in exchange for administering financial services, taking on legal responsibility and providing other benefits.
- The agreement can be arranged for an individual (founder) or for a team/committee.

Model C pre-approved grant relationship sponsorship

The project does not belong to the sponsor and the two do not merge as a single legal entity:

- A grant relationship is established through which Superbloom would approve an aligned project to become the grantee.
- Superbloom accepts tax-exempt donations and subsequently conveys them to the project as grants.
- Superbloom requires formal and consistent reporting on grant use by the grantee project to ensure that the funds are being used for the agreed-upon mission, programs and services.
- Legal liability rests almost fully on the project.
- Project retains/can retain ownership rights to anything of tangible or intangible value that might have come from use of grant funds.

If you are interested in fiscal sponsorship with Superbloom, please fill out [our form here](#).